



## Members of NDCPD’s Cultural Competence Advisory Committee



Name	Bio
Justine Katunzi	Yustina Katunzi is originally from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania/East Africa. She graduated from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, where she majored in Home Economics/Early Childhood and Drama. She currently works at the Minot Commission on Aging. Her current interests are in the area of suicide prevention.
Tami Jollie-Trottier	Dr. Tami Jollie-Trottier, an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, is a clinical psychologist currently working on her hometown

	<p>reservation located in Belcourt, ND. She received her BA in Psychology from Minot State University in 1999 and received her PhD in 2005 from the University of North Dakota. Dr. Jollie-Trottier then completed a 2-year fellowship in Health Psychology at UND School of Medicine and one-year of specialty training at the Eating Disorder and Neuropsychiatric Research Institutes in Fargo, ND. She currently works in the Behavioral Health Clinic and is honored to be providing health psychology services to her community members.</p>
Vivian Young	<p>Vivian is from a remote reservation in Manitoba. She moved to North Dakota in 1975. Her interest is in language loss of Indigenous people and is presently taking Cree Linguistics at Blue Quills University in Alberta. Vivian is a sessional instructor at University College of the North which has campuses in northern Manitoba. She also helps Cree teachers develop curriculum for Cree Immersion Schools. She has also been presenting oral stories of the Cree for Minot Council of the Arts, Minot Public Schools and Board of Regents at Minot State.</p>
Kawa Hawari	<p>Kawa is originally from Northern Iraq (Kurdistan). He is fluent in reading, writing and speaking Kurdish, English and Arabic languages. Kawa completed technical college in Engineering and has been working at Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota/New American Services since 1997 as an Employment Specialist. Kawa has also been an active reserve Deputy with Cass County Sheriff's Office since 2008.</p>
Abdiwali Sharif	<p>Abdiwali came to the United States in 2004 and graduated from Quentin Burdick Job Corps in Minot. He currently works at Lutheran Social Services as a Bilingual Case Manager and is a member of the Fargo Human Relations Commission. Abdiwali is an ethnic leaders and Treasurer of the Somali Community Development of ND. He is also a youth mentor for the Islamic Society of Fargo Moorhead. Abdiwali is also a certified CPR &amp; First Aid instructor.</p>
Elisa Rodriguez	<p>Elisa Rodriguez Mejia was born and raised in Zacatecas, Mexico. In 1990, she moved to the United States and has lived here since. Elisa has an extensive background in the banking business; she worked in the banking industry for 14 years. In Colorado, Elisa volunteered for Hispanic Affair Projects known as HAP from 2006 to 2012. The organization is a grassroots movement that promotes Immigrant rights, and human rights. Elisa and her husband moved to Minot North Dakota in 2012. Elisa is currently attending Minot State University and is working towards a social work degree. Elisa is the vice president of the Native American Club, and is also an active member of the Minot State University Social Work Organization known as SSWO. As an active member of SSWO Elisa has volunteered as an organizer for the 2016 symposium annual event that takes place in the Minot State University.</p>

<p>Joshua Boschee</p>	<p>Joshua Boschee serves in the North Dakota House of Representatives, representing District 44 (north Fargo). Born and raised in Minot, ND, Joshua moved to Fargo to attend North Dakota State University where he received his bachelor degree in Political Science and his Master's degree in Educational Leadership.</p> <p>In addition to the NDCPD Cultural Competence Advisory Committee, Joshua serves on the Board of Directors for the ND Council of Abused Women Services (CAWS), the Historic Fargo Theatre, the Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons and as the chair of Fargo-Moorhead Pride.</p> <p>One of Joshua's favorite aspects of leadership, is empowering others to use their voice, experience and expertise to improve their community. He has spoken to many local and statewide organizations about the importance of being engaged in the policy-making process. He is a regular guest speaker to area colleges and community groups about social justice issues in the Fargo-Moorhead community, as well as throughout North Dakota.</p>
<p>Josef Marion</p>	<p>Joseph Marion, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, born and raised in Belcourt ND, attended school in Belcourt, graduate of Josef's School of Hair Design, worked in styling salons in Belcourt, Albuquerque New Mexico, owned and operated Josef's Hair Creations in Belcourt ND for 14 extremely successful years. Graduated from Turtle Mountain Community College 2004 with an Elementary Education degree, taught 3rd &amp; 4th grade at St. Ann's Catholic School, Belcourt ND for a few years, presently Executive Director of Turtle Mountain Tribal Arts Association Belcourt ND, operates Heart of the Turtle Native American Art Gallery and Resource Centers in Belcourt and Downtown Minot ND. Volunteered with St. Ann's Catholic Church, Belcourt ND for 10 years, was parish council member, religious education instructor, altar server coordinator, summer camp board member, church sacristan, St. Ann's Novena coordinator, mentor with Sacred Child Project, foster parent, and the list goes on, presently living in the Minot Artspace Lofts building in Minot ND.</p>

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